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Kawakami, K. K. *American-Japanese Relations.* Pp. 370. Price \$2.00. New York: F. H. Revell Company, 1912.

This book, by a Japanese journalist, is an interpretation and defense of Japan's foreign policies and is written with the avowed purpose of dispelling the growing misunderstanding of the American people in regard to American-Japanese relations. "An inside view of Japan's policies and purposes," the book is written with an unusually firm grasp of facts and a breadth of view and fairness of treatment that will commend it at once to every unbiased reader who is seeking the truth in regard to the attitude of Japan toward America. The book is, in some respects, an answer to Thomas F. Millard's well-known "America and the Far Eastern Question," which is very severe in its criticisms of Japan, and might well be read by those who have perused Mr. Millard's work.

The book is divided into three parts. The first considers The Manchurian Question, in which American diplomatic and commercial questions are, of course, most fully treated. The soy bean, the author says, is the "key to the Manchurian Question," and is the only important produce of Manchuria, used but little by the Manchurians themselves and practically unknown to Western nations. "Nine-tenths of the Manchurian produce is now purchased by the Japanese. Here lies the secret of success which Japan's export trade has secured in Manchuria. Here also is where the indiscriminate talk about the closing of the 'open door' came in. Let American traders go into the interior of Manchuria and buy beans and bean-cake and bean-oil, just as the Japanese are doing, and they may rest assured that their export trade to Manchuria will increase proportionally, just as Japan's has."

Part II takes up the Korean Question and Part III The Immigration Question. This latter is an excellent résumé of the events on our own Pacific coast that precipitated the immigration difficulties with Japan and of the present status of the Japanese in California. While occasional questions may be raised as to the author's interpretation of Japan's acts, none can be raised as to his sincerity or his open-mindedness. It is this feature combined with his knowledge of the facts that makes the work especially valuable as an exposition of the Japanese side of the questions discussed.

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King, Clyde L. (Ed.). *The Regulation of Municipal Utilities.* Pp. ix, 404. Price \$1.50. New York: D. Appleton & Co., 1912.

Throughout the life of the National Municipal League papers by high authorities on different aspects of the municipal franchise problem have been read at the annual meetings. The most significant of these essays have been edited by Dr. King and collected in this volume. Together they give a comprehensive and accurate survey of the complicated and urgent problem which every large city in America faces to-day.

Though the editor discusses separately Municipal Ownership versus Adequate Regulation and sums up the debate in a brief and well-balanced Conclusion, the bulk of the book is descriptive and historical, an account, by insiders,